

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-7 (Canceled)

8. (Withdrawn) The [magnetic] disc drive assembly of claim 2, wherein the disc drive housing has a standard 3 ½ inch half-high external three-dimensional configuration and the stack of magnetic recording discs comprises twelve magnetic recording discs within the housing which is greater than the number of discs of the standard configuration of ten discs.

9. (Withdrawn) The [magnetic] disc drive assembly in claim 8, wherein each of the magnetic recording discs has a diameter of 84 mm.

10. (Withdrawn) The [magnetic] disc drive assembly in claim 8, wherein the stack of discs are mounted to a motor spindle for optional rotation at 10,000 rpm.

Claims 11-14 (Canceled)

15. (Withdrawn) The [magnetic] disc drive assembly in claim 4, wherein the disc drive housing has a standard 3 ½ inch half-high external three-dimensional configuration and the number of magnetic recording discs in the housing is twelve which greater than the number of discs of the standard configuration of ten discs.

16. (Withdrawn) The [magnetic] disc drive assembly in claim 15, wherein each of the magnetic recording discs has a diameter of 84 mm.

17. (Withdrawn) The [magnetic] disc drive assembly in claim 15, wherein the means for stacking and rotating includes a motor spindle supporting the plurality of discs for operational rotation at 10,000 rpm.

Claims 18-35 (Canceled)

36. (currently amended) A data storage assembly comprising:

a housing comprising a standard form factor configuration associated

with a standard width, length and height of the housing; and

a data storage device supported in the housing comprising:

at least one data storage disc comprising a diameter defined by a ratio

of the disc diameter to the housing width being within the range of

~~0.65~~ 0.66 to 0.88, the at least one disc operably coupled to a single

spindle; and

a head/actuator assembly for reading data from and writing data to a

selected ones of the discs.

37. (previously presented) The data storage assembly of claim 36, wherein the housing comprises a standard 3½ inch standard form factor configuration.

38. (previously presented) The data storage assembly of claim 37 wherein the at least one disc comprises a diameter that is smaller than 95 mm.

39. (previously presented) The data storage assembly of claim 37 wherein the disc comprises a diameter of 84 mm.

40. (previously presented) The data storage assembly of claim 37 wherein the housing comprises a 3½ inch low profile form factor configuration.

41. (previously presented) The data storage assembly of claim 37 wherein the housing comprises a 3½ inch half-high form factor configuration.

42. (previously presented) The data storage assembly of claim 36, wherein the data storage device further comprises a stack of discs rotated on the single spindle by a spindle motor at a design speed of at least 10,000 rpm.

43. (previously presented) The data storage assembly of claim 40 comprising six discs within the housing.

44. (currently amended) The data storage assembly of claim 42 wherein the motor rotates the disc at a substantially greater speed in response to a power input, wherein the motor speed is inversely related to the ratio of the disc diameter to the housing width for a constant power input as compared to a storage assembly comprising a diameter defined by a ratio greater than 0.88.

45. (currently amended) The data storage assembly of claim 42 ~~44~~ wherein the motor rotates the disc at a substantially greater speed in response to a power input whereby the data storage assembly operates with substantially the same heat as compared to a storage assembly comprising a diameter defined by a ratio greater than 0.88 an amount of heat dissipated by the motor is directly related to the power input.

46. (previously presented) The data storage assembly of claim 42 wherein spacing between the discs in the stack is reduced such that when the stack is rotated at a design speed of at least 10,000 rpm there is a reduction in windage within the stack affecting the head/actuator assembly thus resulting in reduced non-repeatable runout.

47. (currently amended) A data storage assembly comprising:
a housing comprising 3 ½ inch standard form factor configuration; and
at least one data storage device supported in the housing comprising;

a rotatable data storage disc comprising a diameter ~~equal to or less than 84~~ within a range of 68 to 89 mm; and
a single spindle operably mounted to a single spindle motor that
rotates at least one data storage disc; and
a head/actuator assembly operably reading and writing data to and
from the data storage disc.

48. (previously presented) The data storage assembly of claim 47 wherein the data storage device further includes a stack of discs rotated on the single spindle by a spindle motor at a design speed of at least 10,000 rpm.

49. (currently amended) The data storage assembly of claim 47 wherein the disc further comprises a diameter defined by the ratio of the disc diameter to a housing width being within the range of ~~0.83 and 0.65~~ 0.88 and 0.66.

50. (currently amended) The data storage assembly of claim 48 wherein ~~when powering the stack of discs with a housing width to disc diameter ratio of 0.83 to 0.65 within a range of 0.88 to 0.66 is rotated at the design speed, the data storage assembly utilizing substantially similar power levels while maintaining substantially similar operating temperatures as~~ yields a heat dissipation that is equivalent or less than that dissipated by ~~compared to a storage assembly comprising a stack of discs with a housing width to disc diameter ratio of greater than 0.83~~ 0.88 rotated at a design speed less than 10,000 rpm.

51. (currently amended) In a data storage assembly comprising a housing comprising a standard form factor configuration associated with a standard width, length and height, and a data storage device supported in the housing adapted to receive a rotatable data storage disc comprising a diameter defined by a ratio of the disc diameter to the housing width being greater than or equal to 0.89, and a head/actuator adaptively reading and writing data to and from the

data storage disc, the improvement comprising a data storage disc in the housing comprising a diameter defined by the ratio of the disc diameter to the housing width being less than or equal to 0.88 and greater than 0.65 0.66.